

## Dual Membership Chapters

- Arizona Probation, Parole and Corrections Association
- Colorado Criminal Justice Association
- Connecticut Criminal Justice Association
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- Illinois Correctional Association
- Indiana Correctional Association
- Kansas Correctional Association
- Louisiana Correctional Association
- Maryland Criminal Justice Association
- Michigan Corrections Association
- Missouri Corrections Association
- Nebraska Correctional Association
- Nevada Association of Criminal Justice Professionals
- New Jersey Chapter
- New Mexico Correctional Association
- New York Corrections and Youth Services Association
- North Carolina Correctional Association
- Ohio Correctional & Court Services Association
- Oklahoma Correctional Association
- Puerto Rico Corrections & Rehabilitation Association
- South Carolina Correctional Association
- Virginia Correctional Association
- Washington Correctional Association
- Wisconsin Correctional Association



## DUAL CHAPTER PROGRAM

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ACA began its dual membership partnership in 1979 with four participating state organizations. The program has grown over the

years and currently has 25 strong chapters representing more than 70 percent of ACA's membership. The benefits to both organizations are numerous, but perhaps the most important is a voice for correctional policies on the state and national level.

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## Requirements

Formal process of application for consideration as an ACA dual membership chapter includes membership of at least 150 persons. Each member within the chapter holds membership with both the state organization and with ACA. The organization should represent all disciplines engaged in all fields of corrections. The organization will have a constitution and bylaws that conform with the principles of ACA. There shall be only one ACA affiliate organization from each state. This requirement encourages the cooperative representation of the entire continuum of corrections within each state.

Category	1 Year Dues	1 Year Rebate	3 Year Dues	3 Year Rebate
Professional I	\$35.00	\$8.75	\$99.00	\$24.75
Professional II	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$215.00	\$53.75
Executive Gold	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$290.00	\$72.50
Associate	\$15.00	\$2.50		
Household-Pro. I	\$55.00	\$6.88		
Household Pro. II	\$115.00	\$14.38		
Household Exec. Gold	\$150.00	\$18.75		
Organizational	\$300.00	\$75.00		
Supporting Patron	\$350.00	\$87.50		

## Benefits, Rewards & Responsibilities

### Delegate Assembly representation:

A dual chapter of ACA is entitled to a minimum of one and a maximum of five voting delegates to the governing body of ACA, the Delegate Assembly. One voting member for every 200 members, to a maximum of five.

### Representation on the Council of Dual Membership Chapters and Geographical and State Affiliates:

The Council is composed of the elected president or a designated person from each chapter and affiliate. The purpose of the Council is to promote the efforts of member organizations and strengthen the ability of chapters and affiliates to serve their members.

### Facilities to conduct business meetings:

Dual chapters have the privilege at either bi-annual conference to gather, implement and execute official business. Bi-annual conferences are scheduled for January and August.

### Dual Chapter leadership development:

ACA provides an extensive leadership development forum for presidents or designated leaders of dual chapters at the bi-annual conferences. The forums are designed to educate, motivate and guide the executive leaders of the dual chapters.

### Administrative services:

Furthermore, ACA provides support services to develop and maintain the membership of dual chapters, including membership recruitment and retention efforts. Each month, various detailed reports and administrative materials are generated at ACA and sent to dual chapters to assist in monitoring membership activity. Rebate checks, based on the membership dues levels, (see above chart) are issued to dual chapters to aid in the financial responsibilities. It is important to note that ACA provides general liability insurance for the state's organization.

### Reports:

Finally, dual chapters have the responsibility to present to the Executive Director of ACA a report detailing the activity and fiscal situation of the chapter based on its fiscal year of operation.

# Geographical & State Affiliates

- Alabama Council on Crime & Delinquency
- California Probation, Parole & Correctional Association
- Caribbean Correctional Association
- Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Integrated Correctional Association of the Philippines
- Iowa Correctional Association
- Kentucky Council on Crime & Delinquency
- Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association
- Minnesota Corrections Association
- Oregon Criminal Justice Association
- Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections
- Southern States Correctional Association
- Tennessee Corrections Association
- Texas Corrections Association
- Utah Correctional Association
- Western Correctional Association

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## Requirements

The membership composition of a geographical and state affiliate shall consist of an organization, within a state or geographical area, whose primary objective is the improvement of correctional services within that region. The geographical and state affiliate, itself, is an exclusive member of ACA. Individual members of a geographical and state affiliate are not members of ACA, but are encouraged and wel-

comed to apply for membership to ACA.

Formal process of application for consideration as an ACA geographical and state affiliate denotes that the organization or association membership supports all fields of corrections with the goal of improving and developing correctional practices within their designated region or state. The active membership must include no less than 150 persons. Additionally, only one ACA affiliate association can represent the state or region. This requirement encourages equal participation and cooperation of correctional practitioners. A copy of the association's mission statement and constitution and bylaws must accompany their application.

## Benefits, Rewards & Responsibilities

As a geographical and state affiliate of ACA, you are entitled to have a minimum of one and a maximum of five voting representatives (a delegate) to the governing body of ACA, the Delegate Assembly. It is important to note that all delegates and any assigned alternate must be members of ACA. In addition, a geographical and state affiliate must pay annual membership dues to ACA and remain in good standing to have representation.

A geographical and state affiliate has representation on the Council of Dual Membership Chapters and Geographical and State Affiliates. The Council is composed of the elected president or a designated person from each ACA dual chapter and affiliate.

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tions and strengthen the ability of the chapters and affiliates to serve their members.

Meetings of the Council coincide with ACA's bi-annual conferences, the Winter Conference and the Congress of Correction. Additionally, each geographical and state affiliate is presented with facilities and space to conduct business meetings at both bi-annual conferences. On an as needed basis, ACA provides support structures for geographical and state affiliates in relation to membership maintenance and leadership development.

## Membership Benefits

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## Professional Affiliates

• Alston Wilkes Society

• American Association for Correctional Psychology

• American Correctional Chaplains Association

• American Correctional Food Service Association

• American Correctional Health Services Association

• American Institute of Architects

• American Jail Association

• American Probation and Parole Association

• Association for Correctional Research and Information Management

• Association of Paroling Authorities International

• Association of State Correctional Administrators

• Association of Women Executives in Corrections

• Association on Programs for Female Offenders

• Correctional Accreditation Managers Association

• Correctional Education Association

• Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators

• Family and Corrections Network

• International Association of Correctional Officers

• International Association of Correctional Training Personnel

• International Community Correctional Association

• International Corrections and Prisons Association

• International Correctional Arts Network

• Juvenile Justice Trainers Association

• National Association of Adult and Juvenile State Corrections Mental Health Directors

• National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

• National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies

• National Association of Probation Executives

• National Coalition for Mental & Substance Abuse Care in the Justice System

• National Correctional Industries Association

• National Correctional Recreation Association

• National Council on Crime and Delinquency

• National Juvenile of Detention Association

• North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents

• Parole and Probation Compact Administrators Association

• Prison Fellowship

• The Salvation Army

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